"I am building a castle, mother,"
My little maid replied.
"These are the walls around it,
And here is a crieway wide,
And this is the window stair
To climb up by the side."

So the busy, flitting timeers
Went on with her pretty play,
And the castle walls were rising
In the futing of their day.
When—a studen, the tless motion,
And all in ruins lay!

Ah, merry little builder.
The years with stealthy feet
May bring full many a vision
Of castles rare and sweet.
That end like your baby pastime—
In ruin sad and fleet.

Yes, mugh o'er the roy wafts failon.
For sunshine follows rata.
And we may smile looking backward.
At raised shrine and take.
While the heart has shattered temples.
It may not build again.
—Lucy Randsloh Fleming, in the Continent.

A City in Hard Straits.

I noticed in one of your late issues a telegram from Winnipeg referring to the financial condition of the newly incorporated city of Emerson, just across the international boundary line, which induced me to visit the city and obtain from a reliable quarter the facts and sircumstances which have brought about so deplorable a state of things. The statement that the Sheriff has in his hands executions against the corporation for about \$200,000 is correct. The charter admits of the whole of this sum being collected forthwith by sale of the real estate and personal p operty (an assessment being first made and a rate struck by the Sheriff). The indebtedness was incurred the present summer for a combined railway and traffic bridge zero s the Red River - the or dge to be used by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company for the line just constructed running westward from Emerson. The notes of the corporation were given to the bridge contractors as the work progressed, and were discounted by the Federal Bank of Winnipeg. These note were to be ret red by the corporation as soon as they could sell their londs. It appears that there was a disposition on the part of the Federal Bank and others in Winnipeg to get these bonds at a "shave" of seventeen cents on the dollar, and when the corporation of Eme son employed a financial agent to sell the bonds in Scotland, the Fede al Bank, in order to spoil the sale, got out an execution against the city, and cabled the fact to the old country. In addition to this, executions were obtained against the Mayor and councilors who had signed one of the corporation notes of \$10,000, and the threat of the Sheriff in their houses was beld out if the bouds were not handed over. The Mayor and conneilors stood out fraily; recalled their financial agent, and, after consultation with the citizens, sent to Ottawa a deputation of prominent men to ask relief of the Government in the premises. The de utation are to ask that the Covernment arrange with the railway company to take the newly-constructed bridge off the hands of the city, and pay for the same.

It is very apparent to an outsider that our energetic little neighbor, in under-taking to build a \$200,000 bridge, went beyond its ability, and its present aspect, with half its stores and dwellings empty, speaks loudly. There is no question that this undertaking frightened away the money of the Ontario banks and loan companies from the city, causing the bankruptcy of nearly every firm in the place, and the suspension of all improvements, and the sinking out of sight of real estate. It was to no purpose that the assessor was required to value up the property, taxes would not come in; and now, if the Sheriff proceeds there will be a stampede of people with their goods from the city, and such banks as the Merchants' Bank of Canada and the Federal Bank will find themselves losers of \$500,000 or more. In the United States were an application for relief made to the General Government in such a case the applicants would be laughed at, and told to pay their own debts; but in Canada they seem to have a parental sort of government that directs when and where their rallways shall be built, and comes to the rescue when mistakes are made, and our neighbors may, after all, be relieved If not, there is nothing before them but repudiation, a word very odious indeed to Canadians, and one that they particularly dread in the Northwest, where rowed money to carry on their improvements. There is a feeling among the Emerson people that Winnipeg is 'ealous o the geographical position of Eme soe and the facilities thereby afforded Consider Northwest, and that Winni-

Dressy Mautles.

Dressy mantles for church, visiting and driving are made quite short in the back, scarcely covering the tournure, are very high and full on the shoulders, and only medium height in trout. In some of the e there are elbow sleeves. but most have the high-shouldered wing-like side-pieces shaped over the arms or with arm-hole slits in them; some of these mant'es are scarcely larger than the shoulder capes worn during the summer, while others have a scari-like shape. The fabric of which these will be most often made for early great cords or reps of three or four life of a hotel carnet. -N. Y. T. mes. s zes mak ng a defined pattern. This is lined with pale gray or pearl-colored satin lightly wadded and quilted, and be trimming is chenille frage of thick states equaled \$9,302,300,209 to s satin threads wound upon a frame of cork to make them light. There are also many of the sleek chenille fringes called rat-tail frage, and sometimes two or three thicknesses of chenille are employed in the same fringe. For gayer mantles colored velvet or plush is used in gold or brown shades with co'ored cashmere laces for trimming them, or in the brightest ruby with black Escurial lace heavily corded, or peacock blue with evru lace and chenille fringe, moss green with ecru or black lace, and black velvet with lace, embroidery and fringe. One seam-that down the middle of the back-is the only one visible on these garments; and with broken points in front; the one-third are used for pleasure driving tall ruches of chenille and plattings of ace are still retained. Harper's Basar.

Culture of Backwheat.

I als is a grain well known to most Y rivern farmers. It is said to have en formerly called Becchwheat, owing a its resemblance to the common

uce danut of the forest. It grows quickly even on light, poor oils, but attains perfection, giving renun cative crops, only on land quite in Lerilliang properties. Sandy oil w to a dry subsoil s best adapted the culture, especially if it be an old three old eccently plowed.

the North it is usually sown about act a st of July, and should not vary tendays from the date named. If sown will r, the dry, hot day, of August and tember often blast the kernel when naming; while if the seeding he negsecond unt I about the first of August, it a extremely liable to be injured by .c. to before reaching maturity.

1-11 kwheat is a crop for the careless for kwheet is a crop for the careless farmer as well as the smart and enterprising one. The labor of preparing the land comes when the harry and hardle of "spring work" are past, only the rowing corn demanding the hustantiman's attention. The ground sould be as carefully plowed and larrowed as for wheat, barley, or any similar crop. By far too many are careimilar crop. By far too many are care-less in this respect, often letting their charpest help plow and fit the ground for t. saying to the laborer: "You need not be particular about the work, as it is 'only for buckwheat." It is this class of farmers who have, to a certain extent, brought the cultivation of this crop into disrepute. Yet it is a grain t at will respond generously to good cult vation, and upon soils adapted to

its culture it is very remunerative.
It seems to be well adapted to subdung new ground, or as a crop for fields filled with stumps, as it is branching in its growth, and completely shades the ground; and as it germinates readily, it may be sown upon the loose soil about stemps, roots and snags with almost a certa uty of growing, even if not har-

rowed in. From twe to four pecks is the quantity of seed sown per acre. Two varieties are grown, the black and the gray. The latter is usually considered the best to yield, but will not stand the hot w a her quite as well as the former. By means of the new patent process buck-wheat flour is produced as white as that made from wheat. It is also asserted that this process will remove that portion of the flour that formerly seemed to poison the blood of many who used There is, at any rate, one thing estain, as now manufactured, the flour makes improved "griddle cakes" with-out the ioraer decidedly buckwheat

Many farmers will not sow buck wheat connect shells so read ly and gets into e manur of the yard, and is thus a cred about the farm, depreciating he alme of an otherwise good crop of heat or barley. Some dealers obect to buying even oats containing a i ture of this grain, while other dealr- prefer if possible to have it thus moved. Unless intended for grinding racing use a crop of barley should

Temporary Preachers

ave a dash of the "carpet-bagger" ele neut in their ecclesiastical and profesoual make-up. Some of them are men talent who are a little run down. Some e men who have worn themselves out pastoral service, some are do-nothings. id some are very excellent brethren, ho are worthy of steady employment. out who somehow or other do not man go to be favored with "calls," as their are lacky brethren are. Any church anting a supply for a Sunday is almost are to find it here in various grades of quality, and at corresponding rates of The more expensive ministers are at to be found in this way but rather he low-priced ones. A few of these re cive as high a fee as twenty dollars a anday. Many are glad to go for ten al there are some whose efforts can be cured for five dollars. These five-dol r brethren are not esteemed, either the cost eloquent or the most original. They smally have a faded manuscript or two the them. Sometimes they are given o what they call extemporaneous preaching, that is to say, they preach without petition of what they give their hearers they depend so much upon the bor ar patition of what they have preached over and over again so often that they ave no need of a manuscript as an aid in m mory. This Boston headquarters d ministerial supply is an informal for doing the whole ale trade of the grown up from the mutual necessities of churches and ministers. It regulates itpeg would re oic to see her down: but self, costs nobody anything, and is worth n this they are probably mistaken. The a great deal to those who make use of it. r versity of Emerson would not mear its operation is quiet, and few people the prosperity of Winnipeg.—Cor. St except those who are directly benefited by it know of its existence.

FACTS AND FIGURES.

-A report prepared under Government auspices says that the area of land in Manitoba broken for the first time is 99,911 acres.

-The great fore is of the South will be worth a mint of money before this generation dies. Old North Carolina has 40,000 square in les of forest .- N. Y. Sun.

-The sale by auction of carpets dis-carded by hotels is a regular event of the summer in-New York. About 8 .-000 yards have come under the hammer autumn is black gros of oman silk, with this season. Three years is the average

-It is estimated by a statistician States equaled 39,302,309,219 to s trands, each of which is his shed with moved one mile, the value of the tona jet drop, or with a ball or diamond of mage being no less than \$20,00,00 , 60.

> to, while the two great English uniersities have but 5.0 0 students. Ger a viva out of a population of 43,000,000. as 2 , to university students.

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The borse population of the "nited the shaping is done by darts, seams and States is a wover a bat, W, or about fullness added on the shoulders, and all one horse to every nyo humans. Acthese are concealed by epaulets of em- cording to the 1850 census the 1 nd ng Junior Collegiate broidery, applique-work, or else the horse States, with namine of horses renew corded passementerie ornaments, spectively, were: Illino's, 1.023,082; many of which are heavily beaded. The Ohio, 786,478; Now York, 610,8 8; neek is trimmed with a box-plaited Pennsylvania, 583,587; Michigan, 378,standing ruche of the material, or else 788; Kentucky, 872,618. Two-thirds an English collar standing in the back are draught and all-work ho ses, and

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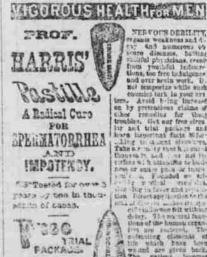
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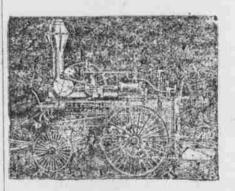


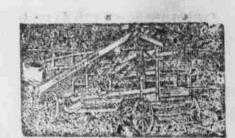
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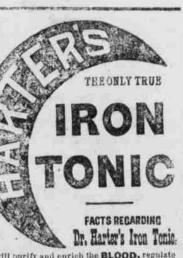
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